

We claim:

- 1    1. An application system comprising:
  - 2       an internet application system configured to support an internet application, the internet
  - 3                 application associated with metadata configured for generating an application user
  - 4                 interface, the internet application system including,
    - 5                         a) an application server configured to generate the application user
    - 6                         interface, and
    - 7                         b) a web application server configured to deliver the application user
    - 8                         interface to a client;
  - 9         an application development system configured to generated the metadata, the metadata
  - 10                 being further configured to characterize a customizable find command
  - 11                 included in the application user interface;
  - 12         a configuration system including a configuration engine and a configuration interface, the
  - 13                 configuration interface configured to modify configuration data
  - 14                 characterizing the customizable find command; and
  - 15         a data repository including a data record for storing the configuration data, the data
  - 16                 record being accessible using the metadata.
- 1         2. The system of claim 1, wherein the find command is customizable to search data displayed in
- 2                 the application user interface.



5. A method of customizing an application user interface, the method comprising the steps of:
- accessing a page definition, the page definition including metadata associated with a customized property of a find command, the customized property including the scope of a search;
  - 5 accessing the metadata to obtain a reference to a data record;
  - using the reference to access the data record, the data record being stored in a data repository and being user modifiable, the data repository being physically remote from a client used to display an application user interface;
  - accessing the data record to determine a value defining the customized property;
  - generating markup-language responsive to the determined value; and
  - including the generated markup-language in the application user interface.

TUNED TO EXCELLENCE